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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 KATHLEEN HOGLUND, *et al.*,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 SHER-BER, INC., *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

Case No. C08-0267RSL

ORDER TO SEAL DOCUMENTS
AND FILE REDACTED COPIES
OF SEALED DOCUMENTS

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15 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. Defendant filed a motion to
16 compel. Some of the exhibits to that filing, to plaintiff's response, and to defendant's
17 reply contain private and personal information that needs to be redacted from public
18 documents.

19 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2(a) and the General Order of the
20 Court regarding Public Access to Electronic Case Files (filed 5/29/03), parties are to
21 redact the following information from documents and exhibits before they are filed with
22 the court:

23 * Dates of Birth - redact to the year of birth

24 * Names of Minor Children - redact to the initials

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1 * Social Security Numbers - redact to the last four digits

2 * Financial Accounting Information - redact to the last four digits

3 All documents filed in the above-captioned matter must comply with the General Order
4 and with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2.

5 In order to restrict access to the private and confidential information that has
6 already made its way into the record in an expeditious manner, the Clerk of Court is
7 hereby directed to seal the following documents: (1) the Declaration of Gail Luhn (Dkt.
8 #15), (2) the Declaration of Dennis Moran (Dkt. #17), and (3) Defendant's Reply (Dkt.
9 #18). All of those documents contain plaintiffs' social security numbers and should have
10 been redacted. The parties are directed to promptly review all previously filed documents
11 to ensure that they do not contain additional information that should have been redacted.
12 The parties shall make every effort to avoid such public disclosures of confidential
13 information in the future.

14 As a result of the improper filings, a substantial portion of the record is now
15 sealed, which is inconsistent with the public's right of access. Both parties are therefore
16 ORDERED to file, within ten days of the date of this order, redacted copies of the
17 documents which have been sealed in this case. If the parties have any questions about
18 the Privacy Policy and the General Order or need assistance in filing and properly
19 labeling the redacted copies, they should contact the CM/ECF Helpdesk at 1-866-ECF-
20 WAWD (1-866-323-9293).

21 DATED this 17th day of December, 2008.

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24 Robert S. Lasnik
25 United States District Judge